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SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT -JAPANESE JET ENGINE
RESEARCH VISIT

REF: A) KRATZER/DE TERRA LETTER, OCTOBER 18, 1974

B) STATE 248386

1. REF A (COPY SENT RICHMOND, OES/SCI) DESCRIBED INTEREST OF JAPANESE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY, AS REPRESENTED BY SOCIETY OF JAPANESE AEROSPACE COMPANIES, TO ACQUIRE INFORMATION ON COSTS AND DEVELOPMENT LEAD TIMES FOR JET ENGINE DEVELOPMENT. INTEREST DERIVES FROM LONG-RANGE JAPANESE PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AIRCRAFT JET ENGINES IN 1975-1980 TIME FRAME. AFTER ADVICE OF REF B THAT REQUESTED INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE FROM GOVERNMENT SOURCES WAS PASSED ON TO JAPANESE, THEY HAVE MADE DIRECT ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT TO GENERAL ELECTRIC (EVENDALE) AND PRATT & WHITNEY (EAST HARTFORD) FOR VISITS BEGINNING JANUARY 27.

2. AS PART OF OVERALL SCHEDULE, JAPANESE GROUP HOPES TO VISIT DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING FAA AND NASA LEWES RESEARCH CENTER. SUGGESTED DATES ARE JANUARY 28-29, AND FEBRUARY 3, RESPECTIVELY. IN EMBASSY VIEW, IT IS IN US INTEREST TO HELP INSURE THAT THIS KNOWLEDGEABLE GROUP BE FULLY INFORMED OF HIGH COSTS AND TECHNOLOGICAL DIFFICULTY OF DEVELOPING COMMERCIAL JET ENGINE. EMBASSY BELIEVES US TRANSPORTATION R&D AUTHORITIES CAN
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ALSO BENEFIT FROM DIRECT CONTACT WITH GROUP IN LEARNING OF

JAPANESE JET ENGINE CAPABILITIES AND PLANS. WE THEREFORE
RECOMMEND REQUESTED VISITS BE ACCOMMODATED, AND WILL APPRECIATE
EARLY ADVICE OF ACCEPTABILITY OF PROPOSED DATES, WHICH FIT
IN WITH SCHEDULE OF VISITS TO PRIVATE FACILITIES.

3. GROUP IS ALSO INTERESTED IN ANY ADVICE WE CAN GIVE ON
AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS ON JET ENGINE DEVELOPMENT IN
PUBLIC LIBRARIES OR ELSEWHERE. THEY HAVE BEEN REFERRED BY OTHER
CONTACTS TO EASTERN REGIONAL LIBRARY OF FAA AT KENNEDY AIRPORT AND
DEFENSE DOCUMENTATION CENTER, WASHINGTON. ARE THESE FACILITIES
OPEN TO PUBLIC AND USEFUL? ADVICE ON ANY OTHER LIBRARIES CONTAINING
USEFUL INFORMATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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